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The Honorable J. P. Stadtmueller
The Honorable Diane Wood
The Honorable Robert M. Dow, Jr.
c/o United States District Court
Eastern District of Wisconsin
517 East Wisconsin Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Re: *Baldus, et al. v. Brennan, et al.*
Case No. 11-CV-562

Voces de la Frontera, et al. v. Brennan, et al.
Case No. 11-CV-1011

Dear Judges Wood, Stadtmueller, and Dow:

We are writing in response to the Court's inquiry regarding the Stipulation to Withdraw Motions filed on January 16, 2012; to Produce Requested Discovery; to Extend Discovery Deadlines; and to Allow Supplementation of Expert Reports (Dkt. # 121), the intervenor-Congressional-defendants' January 20, 2012 letter, (Dkt. # 122) and the plaintiffs' January 23, 2012 response letter. (Dkt. # 123).

We agreed to the Stipulation and proposed Order regarding discovery, in general, and regarding the plaintiffs' ability to amend their Second Amended Complaint "relating to the implementation of 2011 Wisconsin Acts 43 and 44," in particular. This, however, does not preclude the defendants from responding substantively to such an Amended Complaint by answer or other responsive motion.

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We also agree that the Stipulation did not include, nor did it intend to bind, the intervenor-Congressional-defendants. Those defendants are entitled to oppose or agree to any amended pleading as allowed under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

Sincerely,

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